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APPLICANT: Chaudhari et al.

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FOR: AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2-ARYL
PROPIONIC ACIDAssistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2001.

Claims 1-19 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending Application Number 09/662,035. The Applicants believe the rejection should be withdrawn as the present application was filed prior to copending U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/662,035. In addition, the phosphine ligands of the catalyst used in these two applications are different and hence, the scopes of the two applications are different.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Chaudhari et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,093,847 in view of Lin et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,055,611.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Chaudhari et al. '847 describes the preparation of Ibuprofen from 2-arylalcohol using a catalyst comprising a Group VIII metal and a semilabile anionic chelating ligand, which is an organic compound containing a N donor and an O⁻ group. The semilabile bifunctional nature of the ligand imparts good catalytic properties to the catalyst.

Whereas, in the present invention, the use of a catalyst comprising Palladium metal and phosphine ligand to convert 2-arylalkyl halide to 2-arylpropionic acid is described. Thus, the substrate and the catalyst used in these two cases are different. In addition, the considerable differences in the chemical nature of the catalysts used by Chaudhari et al. '847 and the present invention does not envisage any obvious hint or suggestion to use the bidentate palladium catalyst in the present invention to generate 2-arylpropionic acid from 2-aryl alkylhalide.

On the other hand, Lin et al. '611 is directed to the preparation of 2-arylpropionic acid from 2-aryl alkylchloride, 2-arylalcohol and 2-arylolefin. In the Lin reference, the aryl group is confined only to the phenyl group, whereas in the present invention the aryl groups are extended to groups other than phenyl, for example, naphthyl and substitute naphthyl groups. Additionally, Lin et al. '611 uses aqueous mineral acid, while the present invention describes the use of organic acid as one of the reactants. Furthermore, the phosphine ligand used in Lin et al. '611 is confined to only triaryl and trialkyl phosphines, whereas in the present invention various additional phosphine ligands have been used to achieve superior results. Lastly, the use of an halide promoter in the present invention is from an halide salt of alkali metals and this is not suggested or disclosed in the Lin et al reference and hence, the Lin et al. reference is not relevant to the present invention.

The teachings of the two cited references should not be combined to render the present invention obvious. There are a few common features between the two references, such as they

obtain a common end product. However, the reactants cannot be substituted one for the other in order to obtain the Applicants' invention. One cannot pick and choose among the components of the two references to obtain the desired product. Thus, there is no logical link between the two citations.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants also respectfully contend that the teachings of Chaudhari et al. '847 in view of Lin et al. '611 do not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. Thus, claims 1-19 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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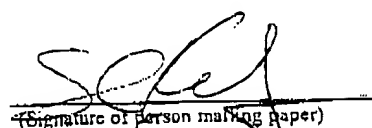
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NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

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